STRANGE

Not in Garments but in Funeral Ceremonies.

HAPPY DAYS TO "PUCK" MEYER

An Eccentric German's Ashes Scattered to the Winds From the Top of the Statue of Liberty.

There are as many styles in funerals as there are in clothes. Obsequies vary not only according to national custom, but also according to individual taste, and the results are embalming, cremation, green graves in quiet churchyards, costly vaults every respect the popular legal adviser for the rich, corpse fed vultures among the seemed a favorite of fortune.



"PUCK" MEYER.

Chaise for the Parisians, and human elec-troplating for those who desire to preserve their immediate ancestors for home exhi-

post-mortem lot. He was a German sa-loon keeper on Staten Island, a gallant soldier of the late war, a generous friend, a forgiving enemy and a ready listener to any tale of woe or appeal for charity.

When "Puck," or rather Henry, Meyer where he "did up" his uncle in a precisely was stricken with mortal illness he called his comrades and gave directions for the

funeral. Then he turned his lace well and died.

In every minutest particular his wishes were complied with. Two days after death the body was dressed in the uniform of the Schuetzen corps and taken to Fresh Pond.

accompanied by the family, friends and a brass band. There it was cremated, and, while the ashes were placed in an urn, buttons from his coats worn on battle fields were distributed as souvenirs. One aftermone a formight later the committeemen of air took hoat to forced loans on his new acquaintances in forced loans on his new acquaintances in forced loans on his new acquaintances in the county. In a recent letter he says: "Thad been county in the county here." of Bartholdi's great statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World" and there un-

"Happy days to old "Puck" Meyer, the man who never did a wrong to a fellow being," said Captain Frank Rinschler, of the Staten Island Schuetzen corps.



THE MIDNIGHT FUNERAL. "Happy days," responded his companions, and then they tossed to the winds the urn of ashes. Next two bottles of champagne were opened, and all drank to the health of the deceased. This ended the ceremony, and the participants descended the stairs, took the boat for New York and dispersed to their homes. Meyer was fifty in sight and fled to South America. At Santiago he established smelting works, six years of age when he died. He was six years of age when he died. He was noted for his love of children and animals. The little people of Port Richmond called he could get \$18,000 in gold out of a ton of the fittle people of Port Records and copper. Shares in the works, of par value and cats of the village found refuge and of \$1,000, actually sold for \$140,000 each. An food in his back yard. During the war his pluck saved him from becoming a cripple. pluck saved him from becoming a cripple.

He was wounded in the leg and the doctors this exposure his wife had believed in him.

Nearly as dramatic and far more disorthe recent funeral of Colonel Richard Dyott, who represented Lichfield in the British parliament for fifteen years.

Olga, sixteen years old, who is now at Since Cromwell's time every member of school in France; Lucie, another daughthe Dyott family has been buried at mid-night. The hearse containing the colonel's her grandparents in New York city, and coffin left Freeford hall attended by twenty torch bearers, and the procession moved months ago Alfred deliberately left his through the town at a slow pace toward comfortable home and joined himself to a St. Mary's church. The streets were gang of Bowery thieves. The other day crowded, no less than 15,000 persons turn-they ran short of funds, and young Paraf, ing out to witness the strange obsequies.



MRS. GENERAL BOOTH.

The mayor and corporation met the hearse at the door of the sacred edifice deacon Scott read the service, and during the ceremony a disgraceful riot occurred.
In honor of the event the Lichfield au-In honor of the event the Lichnett at the richnett at the rich way into the already crowded church. foot. After various struggles with "store They were opposed by the constabulary, shoes" the village cobbler was appealed to. and in the melee a police inspector had a Reconstructing a last in accordance with a finger bitten off by a drunken and cannabalistic freeholder. Clubs, stones and brick-balistic freeholder. Clubs, stones and brick-balistic freeholder. bats came into active use, and it was nearly
morning before the rioters dispersed. Then
Colonel Dyott was laid to restin companion
misshapen case of some band instrument.

Twenty-five thousand people witnessed ing that was comfortable, but the mother trade. the funeral of Mrs. General Booth, the did not share in his youthful joy, for that high priestess of the Salvation Army, same day she returned the shoes in person, which took place one day last fall at Longary, "They wouldn't do at all."

don, in Olympia hall. Gaudy streamers "Why!" exclaimed the rural Crispin. "I decorated the mammoth glass roof, and called em au extra fit."
gorgeous Japanese fans and umbrellas "Oh, I don't say as the adorned the galleries. Itinerant venders plied the dissatisfied woman, "but Dell sold tea, coffce, sandwiches and liquor to sha'n't wear 'em; they make such homely the multitude, while other venders hawked tracks in the snow."—Lewiston Journal. portraits of the dead woman, copies of her writings and of The War Cry. A brass hand of 600 pieces furnished the music. Pr All this noise and trade stopped when the

neral procession entered the building. It will be sent to an asylum.

"But how am I to get out of the asylum?"
flags of all nations where the Salvation "I will prove to the superintendent that Army has a foothold. The pallbearers you are not a lunatic,"-Good News.

were dressed in red jerseys. Few words were spoken. The hall is too vast for prop-er conveyance of the human voice. But huge signs worked by pulleys told the multitude what tunes to sing, and so the serv-ices passed off without a break or note of

A ROMANCE OF RASCALITY.

Chevalier Paraf's Wonderful Swindles, His Son Now in Juil. Believers in the doctrines of heredity and of natural depravity will find food for contemplation in the case of Alfred Paraf, the grandson of an honorable and wealthy New York lawyer, and the son of one of the cleverest swindlers of the century.

The story is strange, and not without an

element of instruction and warning. In 1867 C. Bainbridge Smith, now retired, was a prosperous attorney in active practice. His daughter, Leila, had just entered society, and was considered one of the most beautiful buds in New York city. Mr. Smith's home life was an ideal one, and in

To this happy family enters at the time mentioned the Chevalier Alfred Paraf, a native of Alsace. He had the form and features of an Apollo, the polished manners of a citizen of the world, the snave address

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gentleman and the winning ways of a heart breaker. One thing he did not display to public gaze, and that was the black heart of a conscience less scoundrel. Two years before, while traveling in Scot-land, Paraf re-

ceived news from ALFRED PARAF. ther's failure. He had never worked, and his life had been that of a liberally allowanced heir who expected some day to succeed to ample estates. Thus suddenly thrown upon his own resources, he resolved that the Parsees, temporary entombment at Pere la world should take the place of his father in

furnishing him support.

At school the young adventurer had from inclination devoted much time to "Puck" Meyer chose the furnace as his chemistry. The knowledge so acquired he now put to practical use. Going to Glasgow he sought out a wealthy firm of cloth dealers, and persuaded them that he where he "did up" his uncle in a precisely similar manner and secured from him \$10, 000. Being in funds and anticipating that the air of Europe might soon become un-

nearly at the end of his pile he went to New England and found some gullible manufacturers who gladly banded him \$60,000 for an "aniline black" dye. Back in New York again, he tackled the

professors of Columbia college and fooled them "to the queen's taste." He showed them how to make butter out of animal fat, and modestly said that it was "a little invention of my own." A company, the first to produce oleomargarine in the invention of my own.

first to produce oleomargarine in the United States, was thereupon formed. It to my friends. I would not be without in the gave Parafa big price for his secret and elected him president. It cost them three cents a pound to turn beef fat into hutter, and as they marketed it readily for butter, and as they marketed it readily for painful sensation while urinating, and all affections of the kidney or urinary organs of either sex to be produced by the control of the kidney or urinary organs of either sex to be produced by the control of the kidney or urinary organs of either sex to be produced by the control of the kidney or urinary organs of either sex to be produced by the control of the kidney or urinary organs of either sex to be produced by the control of the kidney or urinary organs of either sex to be produced by the control of the kidney or urinary organs of either sex to be produced by the control of the kidney or urinary organs of either sex to be produced by the control of the kidney or urinary organs of either sex to be produced by the control of the cont butter, and as they marketed it readily for fifteen cents all the stockholders were ju-bilant. Incidentally the chevaller dropped over to Rhode Island and sold the exclusive right to use a wonderful madder dye to Governor Sprague for \$25,000. Then he married Mr. Smith's daughter, and ere the honeymoon was over had to "jump the town." It came out the "dyes" and "butter" were the discoveries of foreigners, and

and duped the Chilians into the belief that accident disclosed the fraud and the chevwanted to cut it off. "No, sir," said Meyer. She continued to love him through it all, "wen dot leg dies, I die too." And so they and upon his release accompanied him to France, where he died four years ago. Mrs. Paraf lived three years longer, and

then passed away at Bergen Point, N. J. Of this union three children were born with two companions, went to Bayonne N. J., secured entrance to Mr. Smith's country house and stole \$7.000 worth of jewelry. They were caught and locked up, and as Mr. Smith declines to interfere on behalf of his grandson the young scape grace seems due for a long term at the Elmira reformatory.

No Signs of Results. The famous German consumption remedy has its failures as well as its triumphs, it would seem. Christopher Darcy, an awning maker of New York, who lived at 252 East Thirteenth street, died the other day in Bellevue hospital. He was one of the patients there upon whom the Koch lymph cure was tried. His was a case of sumption of long standing and not considered curable. He had three or four injections of lymph, but without apparently getting any good from it. Dr. H. P. Loomis made an autopsy on the body at the morgue. Deputy Coroner Weston was present. Both of them said afterward that no sign of results from the lymph were discovered. The last injection was made a month ago. month ago.

The Trouble with Those Shoes. Now there is an individuality about footship with the bones of his eccentric ances-tors. However, the boy was delighted with the result. At last he had found a foot cover-

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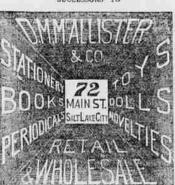
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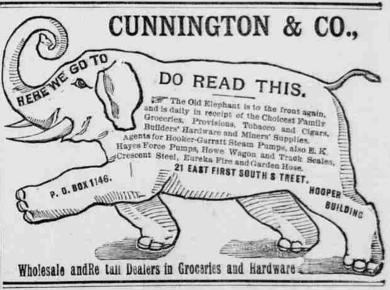
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